



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 12, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“The United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement (CTPA), which would eliminate tariffs and other trade barriers, was signed on November 22, 2006. If implemented, more than 80% of all United States exports of consumer and industrial products to Columbia will become duty-free immediately, with remaining tariffs phased out over 10 years.

“The promotion of free trade between the United States and other Nations is especially important to Southern California’s economy. According to the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, international trade is the largest employer sector of our local economy, accounting for more than 500,000 jobs in the five-County Southern California region. In addition, the combined Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles also are the Nation’s busiest ports, accounting for nearly one-third of all in and out bound United States trade. In 2007, the value of exports to Columbia through the Los Angeles Customs District totaled \$162 million.

“Many state and local government organizations and officials support the CTPA, including the Council of State Governments, United States Conference of Mayors, American Legislative Exchange Council, Miami-Dade County, and the Mayors of the City of Chicago, Miami, Dallas, San Diego, and Anaheim. On April 7, 2008, the President submitted legislation to implement CTPA to Congress. Unless Congress enacts this implementing legislation and ratifies CTPA, our national, state, and local economy will not be able to benefit from expanded trade with Columbia, which has the third largest population and fifth largest economy in Latin America.”

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Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, that the Board go on record in support of the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement (CTPA), legislation which was submitted to Congress by the President to implement the CTPA, eliminate tariffs and other trade barriers, and if implemented, would make more than 80% of all United States exports of consumer and industrial products to Columbia immediately duty-free, with remaining tariffs phased out over ten years.

Said motion failed to carry by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich; Noes: None; Abstentions: Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Burke; Absent: Supervisor Molina.

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